

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 as follows:

This is a Divisional of Application Serial No. 09/404,738 filed September 24, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,290,550. The disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

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Please amend the last paragraph on page 6 as follows:

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At each end of carrier strip 202, arms 206 are formed to extend in a direction perpendicular to the surface of carrier strip 202. Arms 206 connect carrier strip 202 to an exterior contact portion which includes elements 208, 214 and 216. Side portions 208 are elongated. One end of each side portion 208 is connected to a respective arm 206. At ends opposite arms 206, side portions 208 are connected to a contacting surface 214. In middles of side portions 208 are holes 210. Surrounding holes 210 are extrusions 212 extending away from the surfaces of side portions 208. Contacting surface 219 214 extends in the same direction as carrier strip 202 between the two side portions 208. Extending from a bottom end of contacting surface 214 are three large continuity springs 216.

Please amend the paragraph that begins at line 3 on page 7 as follows:

Figure 5A illustrates a front view of slave clip 300. Figure 5B illustrates a top view of slave clip 300. Figure 5C illustrates a side view of slave clip 300. As shown in Figures 5A, 5B and 5C, slave clip 300 includes a carrier strip 302. As best shown in Figure 5B, carrier strip 302 is bent such that it has a cross-section, in the direction in

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which it extends, of a plurality of adjacent "U" shapes. Ends of adjacent "U" shaped portions of carrier strip 302 are connected to form projections 302a. The slave clip 300 further includes a plurality of clips 304, each of which extend in a direction perpendicular to the direction in which carrier strip 302 is elongated and from a corresponding "U" shaped portion of carrier strip 302. Similar to the above described clips 204 of main clip 200, each clip 304 includes a locking tang 304a, a contacting tang 304b and a support surface 304c. The support surface 304c extends substantially perpendicular to the direction in which the carrier strip 302 is elongated. Extending from the middle of support surface 304 304c away from carrier strip 302 is a locking tang 304a. Extending from the end of support surface 304c in a direction away from carrier strip 302 is a contacting tang 304b. Both the locking tang 304a and contacting tang 304b form an angle with support surface 304c.

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